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THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1906.

President Taft has been elected an honorary president of the National League of Unitarian Laymen. Soon we will begin to read of attacks upon his religion, or lack of it, by clergy members of the allegedly orthodox church.

It is now reported that the Senate will not reach a final vote upon the tariff bill before July, and that Congress will not adjourn until August. The Democratic Senators are urging an earlier vote, and the Republican insurgents are demanding full opportunity for debate while the Republican regulars, under the lead of Mr. Aldrich, are steadily offering amendments provocative of debate.

Suspension of the sentence of \$100 fine and six months imprisonment upon a Meriden auto speeder who was arrested in New Haven, was accompanied by an order that, while under the supervision of the probation officer, he shall not operate an automobile. The suspension was granted because of his plea that, being afflicted with tuberculosis, imprisonment would endanger his health and perhaps his life.

The New York city savings banks have decided to continue their semi-annual dividends of 3 per cent. instead of cutting down the rate to 3 1/2 per cent. per annum though some of them may be compelled to take part of the money from their surplus reserves. Business depression since October 1907, has affected the revenues of these banks—hence the desire of some of them to cut down the dividend rate.

Complaint has been made to the Interstate Commerce commission by a Minnesota State Senator that the Adams, United States and American express companies are in a combination to fix rates. In so far as interstate business is concerned, the commission has jurisdiction. Quite probably, if any exists, is merely upon the division of rates upon articles passing over two or all of the companies.

Another great combine has been effected with the aid of J. P. Morgan & Co., who have financed several large combines, notably the Steel Trust. This latest combination is in the dry goods trade, and its largest unit is the Associated Merchants' Co. It contains also the large department stores in the larger cities and will, presumably, be extended sooner or later to other cities. With a capital of \$51,000,000, much ground can be covered. Its principal purpose is probably to secure lower prices by larger buying, and perhaps it may also check competition between its members.

The present Cuban government appears to be forgetful of this country's rightful claims upon the island's gratitude. In the equipment of its army and coast defenses, it has ordered rifles from Germany and guns from France, and a strong element of the population demands that military instruction be obtained from Spanish, instead of American officers. There is no question that American rifles and cannon are fully the equals of foreign weapons, or that American officers are at least as competent instructors, as Spanish officers would be. This Cuban discrimination against American weapons and officers appear to be due wholly to prejudice. And yet this country has done more for Cuba than the rest of the world combined, and at a heavy cost.

According to Senator Shively, the maximum and minimum provision of the pending tariff bill will not operate in accordance with the explanation originally given which was that when the President found that any nation was discriminating against American products he should apply the maximum rates to the products of that country, and that until such finding the minimum rates should rule. Senator Shively now asserts the exact opposite. He holds that under the bill, the maximum rates will rule until the President has investigated and found, in the case of any given country, it does not so discriminate and is therefore entitled to the minimum rates. A very large task is thus imposed upon the President, and its performance would consume a very considerable time, during which the maximum rates would prevail. It seems to be a very tricky, means of unduly and heavily increasing the tariff rates.

Discussing the question of creating public utilities commission, the Hartford Courant says:

If we do not get a law of some sort out of the present Legislature, we must expect to take the consequences in the next campaign. It would not be a very agreeable content with this issue up and down in an off-year. On the

other hand some such scheme of regulation as might be effected by drawing into the scope of the railroad commission and enlarging both the numbers and the powers of that body might offer a solution that would satisfy the public and at the same time escape the charge of being revolutionary.

This solution would not "satisfy the public." The people are not very favorably disposed toward the railroad commission, and most certainly they would not approve of its enlargement unless the added members should outnumber the present commissioners and be entirely devoid of supervisory powers over the corporations. Nor would they have much confidence in appointments made by Gov. Weeks who has come to be regarded with somewhat of the suspicion of being tarred with the corporate stick.

In commenting upon a recent speech by Mr. Kirby, the newly elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers, John Mitchell of the American Federation of Labor says: As an illustration of the methods to be pursued, Mr. Kirby referred to an incident of the civil war in which Gov. Seymour of New York attempted unsuccessfully to quell with a pacific speech a riot in Troy. "Then," said Mr. Kirby, "a Captain wheeled a 12 pound gun into line and the rioters dispersed in every direction. That's my way of dealing with a criminal. The only way to handle the kind of organized wage earner is to take him by the horns and shake the cussedness out of him. We find men of prominence who are enough to achieve themselves harboring the leaders of that organization (the American Federation of Labor) and sending them out over the country to address women's clubs. That is the greatest danger we have. If it had not been for that class of people organized labor of the middle class would be as dead as a mackerel to-day."

We hesitate to believe that the manufacturers of the country approve such inflammatory utterances. Mr. Kirby practically invites trouble, and desires to have it met with cannon. In his reply, Mr. Mitchell says: They claim and proclaim the right and necessity of organization among employers, and they demand the right of organization and combination. They prate about law and order, yet advocate violence and anarchy; they align and traduce the great majority of the men of labor who are enough to join them in carrying forward their unholly and un-American designs to destroy the organized labor movement and to force the country to recognize the intelligence of the religious, educational and philanthropic institutions of the country when the cause these institutions have opened their doors to the organized labor movement and have listened respectfully to the plea made in behalf of the working men and women.

Let the children have all the Williams' Root Beans they want. Help them through the summer. Always please.

ARMOR PLATE FLAWS IN NORTH DAKOTA

Washington, May 27.—Flaws in the armor plate for the new battleships under construction have been discovered by the Naval Board of Examiners and it is announced that one of the large plates on the North Dakota has been found defective. The plate was passed upon favorably by the examiners and was put in place when the law developed. The heavy steel has blistered in much the same manner that wet paint blisters under intense heat.

The fact that the plate deteriorated after having been swung into position has led the naval authorities to undertake an examination of all plates now attached to the sides of the various vessels. A thorough examination of the plates intended for the battleship Delaware will be made Saturday by the board, and a rigid inspection of the other vessels will follow.

CASITORIA
Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Hittin*
NEWTOWN.

A large gathering was present at the Town hall, Tuesday evening, when the High school misses presented an entertaining program in a manner which reflects much credit to all concerned. After the opening chorus, the "Maid to Order," held the attention of the audience for half an hour. The cast is appended: Miss Belmont, principal, Miss Anna Carlson; Miss Poor, teacher, Miss Clarice Botsford; Miss Atkinson, Miss Mayla Botsford; pupils, Jenny Bangs and Betty Gray, Miss Helen Keane and Marguerite Beecher; Miss O'Connell, president of Girls' College; Miss Belmont's guest, Miss Dorette Gordon. A musical trio by the Misses Catherine Farrell and Anna Houlihan, piano, and Miss Lillian Beers was received with pleasure, followed by a recitation entitled "Bill's Rose," by Miss Mary Kilbride which was applauded. A chorus and another recitation by Miss Ida Venes entitled "The Usual Way" received an ovation, the latter being in a humorous vein. The drill was by Miss Irene Corbett, Misses Adeline Hurd, Catherine and Doretta Lang, Florence Gaffney, Mabel Gilbert, Clara Sheehan, Jenny Lynch, Anna Peterson, Edith Whistler, Helen Kilbride, Viola Kitcher, Mary Roach, accompanist, Miss Charlesine Driscoll. Another catchy instrumental "Trine" was played by Miss Irene Corbett, a very pleasing program after which a social hour was enjoyed during which a successful sale of a fine variety of home made confections and ice cream was held. The evening was closed by a dance in which a large number participated. Over \$42 was netted for which the girls presented to the boys.

Mrs. J. Albert Blackman has been under Dr. F. J. Gale's care for the past week and is still confined to her room.

Miss Nora Keane, of Botsford, spent Wednesday with Bridgeport friends.

Richard Egan, of Palestine, has recovered from his recent illness and is about again.

Mrs. Julia Hawley, of Berkshire, is having a piazza built on her residence by Abel Warden of Southbury.

Misses Jessie and Mabel Taylor enjoyed a visit with Bridgeport friends Tuesday.

The Men's Federation of the Congregational church had an enjoyable session Monday evening. Rev. Sherrod of Naugatuck presided at the meeting, the subject of the discourse being "A Trip Abroad." Refreshments were served.

The Men's Club were entertained at the Hillside Club rooms by Rev. J. H. George, Tuesday evening. The literary program was in charge of H. N. Tiemann, Sr.

Mrs. Lucy Downs, of Ansonia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mitchell.

Misses Mary and Catherine Farrell were guests Tuesday night of Miss Doretta L. Gordon.

Harold Brown, Richard Bailey, of Bethel, and Paul MacKinney, of Danbury, attended the High School entertainment Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Stanley Blackman spent Wednesday in Berkshire.

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STRATFORD

Last Night's Whist—Yale Men—A Prize from the Dances—Minstrel Luncheon—A Grange Program—Boy Sent to Reform School—Personals.

The Masonic whist given at Odd Fellows' Hall last evening was a great success, over 200 in attendance and some 50 tables placed in the room, all of which were occupied. As the evening was clear and beautiful many ladies were present. In the town hall a table spread for over 100 guests and a bountiful lunch was served. There was coffee, biscuits, all kinds of cake which the friends of the Masonic society contributed, sandwiches and various other things. The prizes were on exhibition in the upper hall and consisted of a large variety of pretty and useful articles. A few were a gold lined sugar sifter, a couple of briar wood pipes, box of linen note paper, glass bon bon dish, a smoker's set of four nickel plated and lacquered receivers from G. W. Fairchild & Son, a self-igniter which works with denatured alcohol, and can be carried in one's vest pocket; a silver butter knife, large silver salad fork, a handsome steel candlestick resting on the backs of three turtles, several pictures one of which was a sweet "kiss me quick" scene, a rhododendron tree in full bloom, a rose tree and a Niagara grape vine from the Conine nurseries, a garnet stick pin for a gentleman's tie, a fountain pen, three boxes of mad cap violet powder, a bottle of cologne, a box of milk chocolate creams from one of our popular druggists, a tobacco case, a center piece, a hand-drawn work, and many other articles of value. Altogether the whist must have netted not far from \$50 to \$75 for the Masonic building.

The commencement of the High School will take place on the 24th of June. So there is ample time to get ready for it.

Lester Alden is in New London, Ct., rehearsing his playlet, "The Prairie Judgment," which is to be produced at the Stratford school. Mr. Alden made quite a sensation in the play a few years ago in San Francisco, and the papers praised his clean work.

There are no less than 15 gentlemen in town who have graduated at Yale. These include Rev. Arthur Shirley, Dr. Lewis, Judge Peck, Mr. Modest, the electrician and Messrs. Judd, Curtis, Judson, Eggleston, Avery, Cary, Wheeler, Beach, Miller, Abbott and Bennett, who is the latest addition to the list.

Nothing is left where the Miller barn once stood, on Stratford avenue, not far from Hard's corner, but the stone foundation walls. The nearby buildings are not even scorched, which shows how effective was the work done by the fire department.

The strawberry festival at the Methodist church this evening have all been hulled and sugared. They are of a fine quality, but not so good as the natives, which will hardly be in the market for some weeks.

Edward Allen will have a cedar hedge planted in front of his house, on Stratford avenue.

The Corinthian baseball club has just been measured for new uniforms. Some time ago the Colonial Dames of New Haven offered prizes and certificates to the pupils of the public schools of the state, for the best essays on certain designated subjects. But two prizes were offered for the best essays on the subject of the year. One of the latter has been won by a pupil in the 8th grade of our High School, Elmer Cavell, a scholar but a dozen years of age. His composition was entitled "The Founding of Philadelphia." He gives a concise and interesting account of the life of Penn; tells why he became a Quaker, speaks of his visit to America, and describes the founding of Philadelphia, now the third largest city in the new world. The composition reflects credit upon the author, and incidentally upon the High school which is an institution about which the town may well be proud.

Chester Dunlap is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever. The members of the recent minstrel show have been entertained at luncheon by the Okeanok Red Men. There was music and many short talks full of wit and humor. Those participating in the exercises were George Finklestone, Joseph Yates, Gus Birk, Henry Griffin, Charles Harrison, Harry Powell, Arthur Meloy, Harry Brown, F. L. Vincent, Richard King, and George W. Spall, and Fred Nettleton.

Yesterday the grass in the old Revolutionary cemetery of the back of the town was being cut ready for Decoration day.

The usual lunch was served last night at the Haystack meeting. John Parkes was visiting in town on Tuesday from Fairfield.

Tomorrow evening it is expected Red Men's Hall will be crowded to its limit. The Rev. E. J. Craft's Shakespearean recital. All the elite of the town will be out.

According to the program of the Housewife's Grange, the little annual pamphlet which it publishes, there will be an interesting meeting on Saturday evening the 12th of June, when the Rev. A. Adams of Westport Grange will read a paper on "Marketing of Truck Crops," to be followed by one on Bee Keeping, by Herbert Smith. Then the Future Farmers of America, Farm and Farming will be discussed. Mr. George Meachen talking about Gardening; Mr. John J. Williams about Fruit Growing; Mr. E. R. Mearns about Seed Growing; Frank Cook on Dairying, and E. W. Beers on "Selling the Farm by the Wagon Load." This last must be an interesting and profitable topic. A man in Bridgeport, who lives on Fairfield avenue, and whose front yard has been dug away to make room for a block of buildings, has been charging 25 cents for a wheelbarrow load of his real estate. How much a whole farm would bring by the wagon load it is impossible to estimate. Mr. Herbert Smith will give phonograph selections, and after all is done and said there will be strawberries and plenty of ice creaming.

Mrs. Lydia Beers has been visiting in town.

The family of J. H. Elliott, from Bridgeport, has taken a vacation rent. Some lively boys who prefer darkness to light, have been breaking the electric light bulbs under the railroad bridge. These light up the path to the Methodist church, and to Paradise Green, and it would be a pity to have any one miss the way. The Sheriff has a rod in pickle for the bad boys if they do not watch out.

Judge Peck held court at a late hour last night to dispose of the case of a boy who played truant, ran away from home, refused to obey his parents, and was altogether incorrigible. He is a lad of but 16 years of age and has been a pupil at the center school. His father had him arrested and he was placed in a cell in the cooler. Finally the judge thought it best to dispose of the matter, and the chap was brought into the court room before the grand juror, and quite an array of reporters. The boy is John Balfour, and his father is Alexander Balfour.

The father said that he could do nothing but to let the Reform School for boys and Sheriff Stagg took him away this forenoon on the 11 o'clock train. The father is a janitor, who works in Bridgeport. He told the reporter that he had to attend to

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biliousness, specks before the eyes,

melancholy, or tired feelings, should

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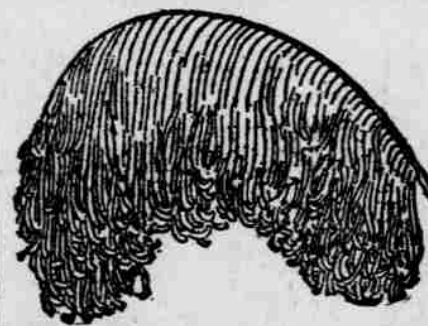
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